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For: PROGRAM OPERATING APPARATUS AND PROGRAM WRITE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- [X] SEVEN (7) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-7.
- [] An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
- [X] The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2001-063031 filed March 7, 2001.
- [] Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.
- [] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

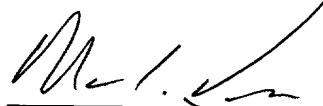
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